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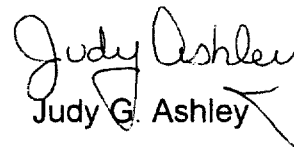
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To Whom It May Concern:

You need to grant petition 98P-0151/CP1 to prohibit the slaughter of downed animals. Animals who are too sick or injured to stand should never be allowed to enter the human food chain. This practice increases the risk of bacterial contamination and could possibly lead to the spread of BSE. What's the matter with the individuals involved in the animal industry? Not only is there a risk to the health of the human population from this practice, there is the very real problem that their humanity has been lost. Downed animals cannot be moved humanely, and yet moving them by any means is exactly what occurs. If this practice continues, I will swear off meat for life and will try to encourage others to do the same. Perhaps this will inflict enough economic hardship that it will force a revision in the guidelines.

You have the power to change this practice. Do so now before all is lost for these poor, unfortunate creatures.

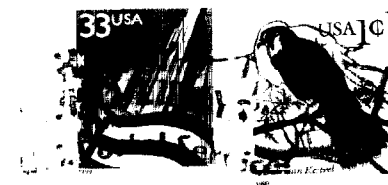
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